

Senate Resolution 356

By: Senator Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Wednesday, February 25, 2009, as Gwinnett County Day at the state capitol and
2 commending Gwinnett County, its 15 cities, and the Gwinnett County Chamber of
3 Commerce; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County was established by the Georgia General Assembly on
5 December 15, 1818, and was named for Button Gwinnett, one of Georgia's three signatories
6 of the Declaration of Independence and the state's second governor; and

7 WHEREAS, Gwinnett has been among the fastest growing counties in the nation for several
8 decades and has grown to become the second most populous and one of the most ethnically
9 diverse counties in Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, Gwinnett's economy generates more than 325,500 jobs and \$28 billion annually,
11 which represents 9 percent of Georgia's total overall economy, and has led the state in job
12 creation since 2000, totaling more than 34,000 new jobs; and

13 WHEREAS, Gwinnett is one of the most globally connected counties in the nation and is
14 home to one-sixth of Georgia's internationally based businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, the county's success can be attributed in part to its 15 cities: Auburn, Berkeley
16 Lake, Braselton, Buford, Dacula, Duluth, Grayson, Lawrenceville, Lilburn, Loganville,
17 Norcross, Rest Haven, Snellville, Sugar Hill, and Suwanee; and

18 WHEREAS, with private and public schools ranked among the nation's best and with one of
19 the nation's largest public school systems educating over 159,000 students, Gwinnett County
20 leads the country in education standards and achievements; and

21 WHEREAS, the county is home to four stellar institutions of higher education: Georgia
22 Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Technical College, the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
23 Medicine, and the University of Georgia Gwinnett Campus; and

24 WHEREAS, a leader in business and in recreation, Gwinnett has two Fortune 1000
25 companies, AGCO and Rock-Tenn, and four professional sports franchises, including the
26 Gwinnett Braves baseball team, Gwinnett Gladiators hockey team, Georgia Force arena
27 football team, and the Atlanta Vision basketball team; and

28 WHEREAS, Gwinnett County has been recognized for having the nation's best library and
29 park system, has been named a Sportstown by *Sports Illustrated*, and was named the Best
30 Place to Live by *Money Magazine* and the Best Place to Live and Launch a Business by
31 *Fortune Small Business*; and

32 WHEREAS, the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce has been named one of the top three metro
33 chambers in the nation by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives and is now the
34 sixth largest chamber in the Southeastern United States; and

35 WHEREAS, the Partnership Gwinnett Economic and Community Development Strategy has
36 been named one of the top economic development initiatives in the country by the American
37 Chamber of Commerce Executives; and

38 WHEREAS, the citizens of Gwinnett County are justly proud of their community, its past,
39 and its many contributions to the state, and it is only proper to recognize Wednesday,
40 February 25, 2009, as Gwinnett County Day at the state capitol.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
42 recognize Wednesday, February 25, 2009, as Gwinnett County Day at the state capitol and
43 congratulate Gwinnett County, its 15 cities, and the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce on
44 their many outstanding accomplishments.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
46 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Gwinnett County Board of
47 Commissioners, Gwinnett County Board of Education, and the Gwinnett Chamber of
48 Commerce.